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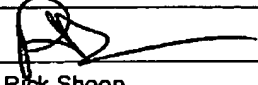
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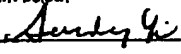
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20061109), for which a response is due on February 17, 2007. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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